

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICY**

**Subject**

Administration of Ordinance No. 7025 Related to the Prevention and Control of Fly Breeding on Commercial Poultry Ranches and Other Sources

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**Purpose**

To provide guidelines for the administration of the Ordinance on the prevention and control of fly breeding on commercial poultry ranches and other sources.

**Background**

The Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 7025 for the purpose of preventing and controlling flies. It is the intent of this policy to provide a reasonable approach to implementation of the Ordinance. To that end, this policy takes into account citizen's needs for relief from fly problems and industry's concern regarding enforcement.

**Policy**

It is the policy of the Board of Supervisors that:

1. It is recognized that the County has dual responsibility of education and enforcement related to the prevention and control of fly breeding. It is the intent of the County to employ the educational approach prior to utilizing the enforcement provisions of the Ordinance.
2. In order to provide a balanced approach in education and enforcement the County will allocate adequate funding to hire a vector biologist/consultant/enforcement person to implement the provisions of this Ordinance who is sensitive to the needs of the agricultural industry.
3. Effective implementation of the Ordinance requires properly trained staff and knowledgeable Fly Abatement and Appeals Board members. The County will seek on-going training from appropriate educational agencies such as University of California Agricultural Extension Services.
4. Fly Control methodology can only be improved through research. The University of California, through its Agricultural Extension Services, has been instrumental in performing this research which has benefitted the poultry industry and in turn the public. Therefore, the Board of Supervisors will consider in its annual budgetary process funding for fly control research.

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5. The University of California Agricultural Extension Service is recognized as a resource agency on matters of fly biology and control. For that reason, that agency shall be invited to attend all Fly Abatement and Appeals Board meetings/ hearings.

6. In the event a notice of violation is appealed, the Fly Abatement and Appeals Board will require the complainant to appear at the hearing.

7. A committee shall be established to perform an assessment of the implementation of the Ordinance and the role of the Fly Abatement and Appeals Board. The committee shall consist of: three (3) members selected from the committee that was established by the Board of Supervisors to review Ordinance No. 7025 prior to its adoption.

8. LARVADEX is used as a food supplement for poultry as a means of preventing manure bred flies. The Board of Supervisors supports the use of LARVADEX provided that it can be satisfactorily demonstrated not to have any toxic or other detrimental health affects on humans.

9. In case of an emergency, dumping fees at County landfills will be waived for poultry ranches disposing of chicken manure. The poultry rancher will determine whether or not there is an emergency. Landfill passes will be made available at a specified location in East County and North County.

10. A space shall be provided on the Official Notice of Violation form to indicate that the commercial poultry rancher is requesting an appeal before the Fly Abatement and Appeals Board regarding findings made by the Health Officer. Upon receipts of the request of appeal, a hearing date shall be set not less than seven (7) days and not more than fifteen (15) days thereafter.

**Sunset Date**

This policy shall be reviewed for continuance by 12-31-08.

**Board Action**

11-19-85 (49)

12-13-88 (73)

4-4-95 (28)

06-18-03 (9)

**CAO Reference**

1. Department of Environmental Health